

MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING, 16 FEBRUARY 1960

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PRESENT:

1. New Work

a. D/GC

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Current work includes the [redacted] information) and CIA Budget Charts. The project for [redacted] will require a lot of overtime.

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2. Travel Plans

a. D/GC

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[redacted] trip to Warsaw and Prague has been approved. [redacted] are going to assist with a training program at [redacted]

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b. D/GC

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Approval has been requested for [redacted] proposed area familiarization trip to the Far East.

c. D/GL

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[redacted] has returned from his tour at [redacted] and is back on duty at the office.

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3. Significant Conversations and Contacts

a. Cover for the Weekly and Monthly Map Acquisitions Lists

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[redacted] to discuss possible covers for the Map Acquisitions Lists issued by D/GL; none of those suggested seemed acceptable to [redacted] urged that we adopt the standard brown cover used for other ORR publications.

4. Problems

a. County Fair Exhibit

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It was recommended in one of the branch monthly reports that the GNR exhibit at the "County Fair" be put in better shape before the next presentation. [REDACTED] look into this and see that necessary action be taken to remedy any deficiency.

b. Hand-drawn Maps

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[REDACTED] brought up the fact that for many "quickie" jobs requiring hand-drawn maps, more copies are required for files than for the filling of the actual request.

5. FY 1961 Budget Funds

a. Travel

Some funds are available for legitimate travel starting before 30 June 1960.

b. External Research

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If there is any external research we really need to have done, there are funds available providing the contract is signed before 30 June 1960. [REDACTED] reported that they are already looking into several possibilities; [REDACTED] will investigate the possibility of utilizing external research help for [REDACTED] operations.

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7. Coverage of Special Center Room

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[REDACTED] reported that a schedule has been set up to have D/GG Intelligence Assistants cover the Special Center Room each afternoon.

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8. Foreign Trip Reports

The DD/I's office is no longer interested in seeing all foreign trip reports -- only the "significant" ones. However, it is still important that these reports be submitted on time. Also, they should continue to be addressed as in the past and the same number of copies supplied to the AD/RR (but without showing distribution on any of the copies).

9. Cuban Project

a. Cuban Mapping Contract

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██████████ reported on a conversation with ██████████ of the General Counsel's office, in which ██████████ questioned the legality of the Mapping Contract in behalf of AMS. The final decision has not yet been made. 25X1A9a

b. Cuban Urban Centers Project

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██████████ inquired about the progress on the Cuban Urban Centers Project which has been requested of Col. Haberer of ACBI. ██████████ stated that, as of last Thursday, ██████████ was "working on it". 25X1A9a 25X1A9a

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10. D/GL Space at Vital Storage

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██████████ reported that the space provided D/GL at Vital Storage was entirely satisfactory to him.

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12. East German Maps

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██████████ reported that about 90 East German maps have been picked up by the Army in Berlin.

13. Editing of D/GG Reports

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In response to questions raised by ██████████ stated that all D/GG production must be edited by D/GG editors.

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